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Members of the chamber group are shown rehearsing for the upcoming Christmas Concert which they along with the SHU Chorale will present.

SHU Glee Club To Present Concert

This year SHU will again present its annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 17, at 3:30 p.m., free of charge. A second performance will be given at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20.

Selections will include: "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light," Johann Sebastian Bach; "Magnificat," Charles Theodore Pachelbel; "O Magnum Mysterium," Tomas Luis da Victoria; and "American Christmas Triptych," arranged by Salli Terri.

Organizer and conductor for the program is Leland R. Roberts, instructor in music. Performers consist of the SHU chorale, chamber singers, and a chamber ensemble. Accompanying these groups will be: Lucia Schwickert and Alice McDermott, organists; Sherry Moody, percussion; Clifford Noel, guitar; and Rita Garvey, piano.

Other members of the chorale include:

Soprano: Kathleen Curran, Susan Cusano, Pamela Dimando, Carolyn Fernandes, Roberta Riczu, Barbara Sinclair, Barbara Smith, and Elaine Sutkaitis.

Alto: Marie Carlucci, Jeanine Carpentier, Eileen Conley, Ginny DeStefano, Anita Girasulo, Paula Girasulo, Pennie Holley, Nancy Kolwicz, Patricia Matthews, Lynda O'Brien, Sheila Slattery, Jean Tyrrell, and Janet Zorka.

Bass: James Battistelli, Joseph Battistelli, Tom Glynn, Jerry Layden, John McMillen, Edward Orciuch, and Donald Sileo.

Tenor: Joe Hitchcock, James Iacovacci, Peter Kimmerlin, Richard Merry, Daniel Murray,

Charles Piola, and Chris Rowan. Faculty members in the chamber group are: violin I, Richard Goggin; violin II, Alice Przybylski; cello, James Strassmire; and alto recorder, Leland Roberts.

Fasano Emerges As Victor

Michael Fasano became President of the class of '71 following elections held Wednesday, December 8. Fasano defeated his opponent, Daniel Rinaldi in

the contest which produced more than a 50% turnout of freshmen voters.

Anthony Pelosi, Rosemarie Orzech, and Lynda Cubbellotti complete the new slate as vice-

Course Professors Remain Undisclosed

A complete list of courses and teachers cannot be known until after registration, Academic Dean Maurice J. O'Sullivan told Jack Hayman of the Student Affairs Committee.

Dean O'Sullivan told Hayman, who investigated for the SG at a student's request, that departmental chairmen know which teachers may take upper-division courses. Students can ask the chairmen for names of professors who expect to teach in a specific area.

Since the number of sections are determined by student enrollment, a particular faculty member does not always teach the course to all who sign for it; there are often last-minute changes.

In addition, the faculty is constantly expanding, and members who are hired late may take a course without much

notice. Others withdraw after plans have been made.

It would be an injustice to the student to register for a particular course and instructor, only to find that the course will be taught by someone else, the Dean told Hayman.

Help for June Grads

Placement Director Offers Advice

By MARY LOU SCZESIUL

"Future" is a multicolored word, and students with graduation less than six months away are strongly feeling its nuances.

William F. Grant, SHU's Director of Placement, in a recent interview, emphasized his availability and willingness to help.

"I strongly urge seniors to think seriously about what they want to do. I'd like to have them come in and talk. They can relate future plans. I can

give advice. We can discuss things — together."

Material and counseling in possible fields has already been supplied by various recruiting agents.

After the holidays more representatives are expected. Among those coming will be: Island; and representatives Central School district #7, Long educators from The Connecticut from The Connecticut State Personnel Dept.; the Welfare Dept.; Aetna Casualty Insur-

ance; John Hancock; Metropolitan Life Insurance; I.B.M.; Bas-sick Co.; Sikorsky; U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and Federal Government General Accounting Office.

Peace Corps data is also on hand, although "most send for it themselves."

Grant has expressed his desire to help the opaque find their true colors. Those seeking his aid are welcome to stop in his office.

Evaluations Committee

Additions Expected

Additional students from each department will be added to the Faculty Evaluating committee to provide a wider range of insights. Debate at the recent Student Government meeting ended in the decision that a five-person committee is not enough for the January evaluations.

The group, a sub-committee of the S.G. University Committee, includes non-government members. Maureen Gorman, University Committee chairman, has directed the process in its earliest stages. Questions

have been formulated, but are not yet available for publication.

In a related decision, the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs, which is chaired by Miss Magdalen Tackowiak, has recommended to the Faculty Senate that both the evaluations and "student power" are "not within faculty domain." The committees do not formulate policy, and results of any senate decisions are not yet known.

S.G. members have repeatedly stressed that the evaluations

should be student run. At present, the group intends to publish the results of questionnaires.

The faculty committee is also expected to stand with student advocates of a name-change from social service organizations to fraternities and sororities.

Proudfoot has already written to the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Bishop Walter W. Curtis, to request a joint meeting with the board, S.G. representatives, and social service presidents.

Student Gov't. Applies For NSA Membership

The student Government has applied for membership in the National Student Association, according to President Bob Proudfoot, who recently attended an N.S.A. conference in New York.

Association members have launched varied efforts for a greater student voice in university affairs. One service of the organization has been to supply lawyer fees in cases where the S.G. has been suspended.

At a recent meeting, Proudfoot noted that Albertus Mag-

nus College students, who had not joined N.S.A., would have been helped in a recent conflict with their administration which resulted in the suspension of the Student Council.

A new group, which was not elected by the student body as a whole, has replaced the old government, although the women were reinstated after boycotts, he said.

N.S.A. has other functions of a less controversial nature. Collegians have greater access to differing ideas on the nation's

campuses, and hold conferences pertinent to the S.G. and student organizations.

Also discussed at the meeting was the fact that SHU students' personal records are not available to anyone but parents, and then only if the person is under twenty-one.

John Croffy, Dean of Admissions, has assured the S.G. that grades will not be released without the collegian's permission. The office only reports that the individual is a full or part-time student at the university.

On some campuses, releasing files to the Selective Service has created controversy.

Personal files are, and will remain personal at SHU, according to Croffy.

E. Pluribus Unum.

Administrators and librarians from cooperating universities will meet next Monday to discuss areas of cooperation in Tri-U library functioning.

"Specific preparations have been made by professional librarians to discuss the possibilities of using computerized and electronic equipment in expanding facilities", SHU Vice-Pres. Maurice J. O'Sullivan said in a recent interview.

The equipment may make possible a state-wide library hook-up which would permit

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Identity Crisis?

Fraternities and sororities are being disbanded at some of the nation's well-known universities. Admittedly, the old-time frat is a thing of the past. Sophisticated collegians are more concerned with the implications of the computer card, "publish or perish," and university administrators whose fatherly attitude is far from parent-like.

In the presence of these factors, it may seem strange that SHU's social service organizations are asking to be called fraternities and sororities. Asked to supply evidence of a need, the most common retort is "Why not?" They have a point.

Anyone who has watched the university mature can attest to the fact that the "social service groups" began as old frats — with a certain type of brotherhood mixed with a touch of bravado — and have developed into social service organizations. (There was a time when the OBELISK measured the column-length for each society story. It was even harder to balance the page without putting one above the other!)

Today the societies cooperate on weekends, in orientation, and in aiding the community beyond the university. Tutorial programs, food and toy drives, parties for underprivileged kids, and blood banks have taken precedence over the purely social activities.

In the past, people have not drawn any distinctions between the frat or sorority and the social service group. There were existing societies which took on the character of the community. Most called them frats or sororities, because they were fast-becoming brotherhoods and sisterhoods.

Just as McLuhan has made us aware of the global village in the technological age, the forces at work within universities have focused student attention on a brotherhood among undergraduates. We have all matured past the all-too-narrowing clique.

This is not to say that all is friendly when highly competitive groups are at work. We have our Vietnams here, too. But publicly calling a group "social service," instead of "frat" or "sorority" will not bring anyone to the conference table.

Social service groups can be called by colors, flavors, animal names, or numbers, and they will come out just as human. Instead of using one title in everyday conversation and another in the paper, we recommend an honest name change.

The real question should be "What plans can we project into the future?" If faculty, administration, and students want to see more Christian campus institutions, they must create the atmosphere and urge the brothers and sisters to become relevant within their environment.

The identity crisis is not in a name, if one exists.

Personal God

To the Editor:

The broadcast on WSHU-FM on November 29, by Dr. O'Shea and his students on the relevancy of Christ at Sacred Heart University interested me greatly. The opening statement as to the lack of mention of God at Class Night 1967 seemed to prove more the advances our religion has made toward Christ than the absence of our adoration of him. He was accepted naturally.

I would like to pose this question: Why objectify God when the concept of God can only be subjective? By being completely human we truly glorify Christ, especially in His humanness.

As to His relevance to the University community, I believe Sacred Heart University really lives Christianity. This can be illustrated in the great strives and tremendous growth of its individual students. Here in these particular instances of growth we are being completely human and God was not brought into the conscious mind but, nevertheless, greatly served. Let

the concept of God be more naturalistic. To quote William Blake, "Thus men forget that all deities reside in the human heart."

Sincerely yours,
David A. Ifkovic
Class of 1967

Extends Thanks

To the editor:

I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to everyone who helped me in my campaign for SG representative. Without the help of the numerous people who helped make and put up posters for me, and wore my guitars, I never would have succeeded. And I am most grateful to all who wished me luck during the campaign and gave me some much-needed moral support.

To my campaign managers, Nancy Curesky and Candy Schoonmaker, who successfully planned and executed my campaign, go my congratulations for a job well done, and my special thanks for their time and efforts in my behalf.

Thank you.

Rita Dursi

Speaker Evaluates Major Authors In Modern Lit.

Ours is often described as an age of moral relativism, however, absolute values may yet exist, according to Dr. Joseph Schwartz's view of modern literature.

Due to his "sense of incompleteness," a major theme in modern literature, man has embarked upon a search for his identity — the "deepest quest of man's experience" stated the Marquette University professor of English at the November 22 convocation.

Dr. Schwartz maintained that most modern authors' works reflect, in one way or another, this quest for man's fulfillment.

Since "literature is an essential aspect of our human experience," he feels that we may justifiably turn to it for illumination. However, we do not turn to literature to find ourselves — "the search for identity is a personal quest." None-

theless, literature "compellingly dramatizes the experience we have," noted Schwartz.

To continue his theme, Schwartz said that the "human figure is an incomplete or lost personality." Quoting Josef Piepers, he said, "man is on the way," but he has not reached his goal because he is not satisfied with where he is. As he progresses through life, man must make decisions, and decisions rest on values. Thus, there has evolved a greater concern with man's inner consciousness.

Consequently, "the novel has taken for its subject the whole of modern consciousness," according to Schwartz.

"The fact of evil," he goes on to say, "is perhaps the organizing principle by which we can discuss modern novelists." As a consequence of our search for identity, we have, paradoxically, become engrossed by the notion of death. "Before I cease to be, what have I been?" man asks himself.

Specific authors were mentioned in support of this theme. Whereas Anthony Burgess and Jean Genet "serve the cause of death," many other writers also react to the "abysmal sense of loss" which "pervades our atmosphere."

For Camus, "to see the sense of life dissipated is worse than death." The major thrust of his works is "to find the source of life," according to Dr. Schwartz.

Almost all American novels since World War II present allegories of the individual in search of himself as, for example, with James Baldwin who demonstrates the failure of romantic love to solve identity problems.

Baldwin's anti-heroes try to discover themselves by a romantic attachment to some other person. In this way, Schwartz noted, Baldwin's homosexual characters further demonstrate the failure of romantic love.

Other artists he mentioned were William Styron, "pessimistic" because one cannot answer the question, Who am I? and Bernard Malamud who spearheads the "emergence of Jew as artist" in America.

He names Walker Percy as "currently the most interesting writer writing."

J. D. Salinger, however, "goes farther to characterize this search." His is a "devotional attitude toward reality . . . holy, because reality transcends materialism."

Here, "love" is the means whereby "we can transcend reality by some sort of community." Salinger presents a "strong mystical commitment to experience which transcends material reality."

Dr. Schwartz concluded that currently there is a "compelling need for some kind of quest" but that in an era of technology the "life of the spirit will have a harder time asserting itself."



Viet Protest

My Fellow Students:

Are you fed up with the no win Viet war? Do you want our men to win and get out? If so sign the "Stop helping our enemies" petition. Here are some extracts of the petition:

"A petition to the congress of the United States: We respectfully urge every senator, every member of the House of Representatives, and both the Senate and the House as a whole, to exert their authority and use their influence in all honorable ways for the following purpose: TO HAVE THIS ADMINISTRATION STOP, PROMPTLY AND COMPLETELY GIVING AID IN ANY FORM, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO OUR COMMUNIST ENEMIES. In support of this petition, we submit the considerations listed below . . .

1. We are at war . . .
2. Our enemy is the total

communist bloc of nations . . .

3. At least eighty per cent of the sinews of war are being provided to North Vietnam by Soviet Russia and its European satellites . . .

4. This help to North Vietnam has been made possible almost entirely by our help to the Soviet Union and its satellites . . .

5. And none dare call it treason . . ."

As of Oct. 31, 1967, 551,908 signatures have been delivered to 17 congressmen who are willing to stand up for America.

If you want to read the whole petition, let me know. After you read it, some of you will want to sign it.

If you want copies of the petition, you can get 50 for \$1.00. Order from: The Review of the News, Belmont, Mass. 02178. If you want to do extra reading, you can purchase these pamphlets: The Truth About Vietnam, More Truth about Vietnam, While Brave Men Die. The pamphlets are 5 for \$1.00. If you want to read a book about Vietnam, read: Background to Betrayal. (\$1.00) and the pamphlets can be purchased at the American Opinion Library, 867 Barnum Ave. Cutoff, Stratford, Conn., or 1014 Post Rd., Darien, Conn., tel 655-8062.

Patriotically yours,

Al Audet '70

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"Will my \$950 be enough?"

Conley Comments On Now, Near Endeavors

A new proposal by Dr. William H. Conley, University president, will provide SHU with an advisory committee of pastors from the diocesan area, if accepted.

Dr. Conley cited a "major problem of providing a two-way flow of communication" between the parishes and the university at a special meeting of area pastors on Tuesday, December 5.

Since "we are considered a diocesan college and some of the pastors are not made aware of what is going on," Conley feels that such a committee would acquaint all areas of the Catholic community with the services that the University renders.

He said that "we are currently distributing a newsletter to the pastors" which includes the four year history of the school and projections for the future.

Dr. Conley made his remarks following an address by the Most Rev. Walter W. Curtis who reviewed University progress and encouraged diocesan pastors to lend support to the

future growth and development of the University.

Bishop Curtis praised the quality of the University's faculty and asked priests to encourage potential college age students to consider SHU as a possible choice for continuing their education.

Dr. Conley reviewed the first four years of operation of the University and described advantages of the new library to be completed in September. He said that 603 individual study stations for students will be available to insure maximum individual resources for a commuting student body.

The president then said that the current tuition level of \$950 per year will be kept to an absolute minimum although future costs may cause some unavoidable increase.

He said that the University is consciously endeavoring to emphasize an intellectual deepening of understanding of the Catholic faith in the light of the modern world, and pointed to the "Teaching the Word of God" institute and other pro-

grams SHU has participated in for the training of area religious and lay teachers in the diocesan Catholic school system.

Conley also cited the college's speaker service which is available throughout the diocese.

The SHU head said that he will consult with Bishop Curtis prior to inviting area pastors to join in the committee.

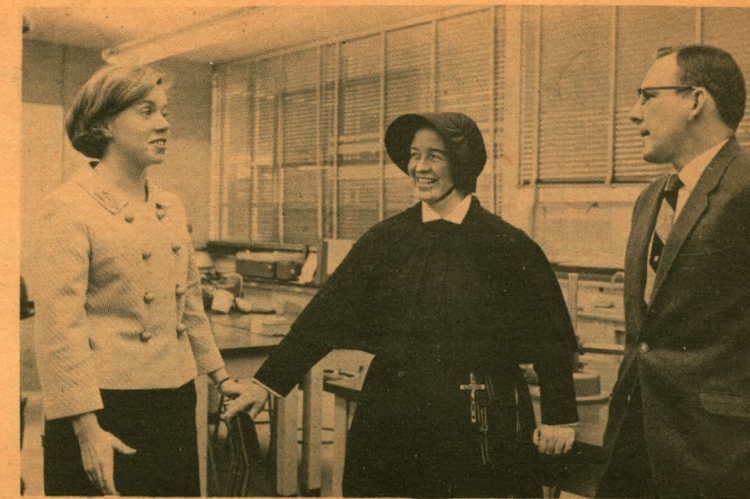
From Surf to Fish

Slides Shown At Convo By Scuba-diving Sister

By MARY ANN von OY

An experienced scuba diver and professor of biology, Sister Kathleen M. Tracey spoke to SHU students recently about the ecology of some of the off-shore islands of Nassau, Bahamas.

Sister Tracey, a teacher at the College of Mount St. Vincent, discussed the communities



Miss Carol Day and Dr. Joseph Moran flank Sister Tracey during an animated discussion following her lecture.

of life of specific islands, the fauna and flora which varied in species according to the elements of, for example: type of shore, wave force, salinity, temperature.

Slides of the area, many of them "normal" picturesque scenes, served to make clear biological points. One shot of shore and surf showed that trees named and classified as to whether native were denuded on one side and permanently bent, due to a steady wind from the sea. Another slide, showing a prize barracuda catch, became possible after the fish caught the lecturer by surprise as she was under water.

Sister Tracey offers seminars

on marine biology during the summer in Nassau and Venezuela and goes scuba diving to investigate underwater specimens.

Sister Tracey has researched life in coral reef communities and has won grants from the Atomic Energy Commission, the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture for her work in marine biology. She has several publications in this field.

The professor earned a B.S. degree from the College of Mount St. Vincent, an M.S. and Ph.D. from Fordham. She has done further graduate work at Fordham, the University of Chicago, and Oakridge and Argonne National Laboratories.

Vandalism Increases As SG Office Is Hit Again

Six paintings, the works of a SHU student, which adorned the walls of the Student Government office have had to be taken down since one was slashed and destroyed and another stolen.

The theft and destruction of the paintings are only two incidents in a series which has plagued the school and especially the SG office.

Sophomore representative, Axyta Parron, postulated that "it all started last year," when a cashbox containing keys and \$200 was stolen.

It is believed that whoever stole the keys has access to the office. The locks are now in the process of being changed, according to president Bob Proudfoot.

Since last April, when the initial theft occurred, everything from money to personal belongings has disappeared from the SG office.

During freshman orientation, \$300 in beanie money was stolen, reported Proudfoot. Also, a brand-new AM radio and a tape recorder have been taken, and files ransacked.

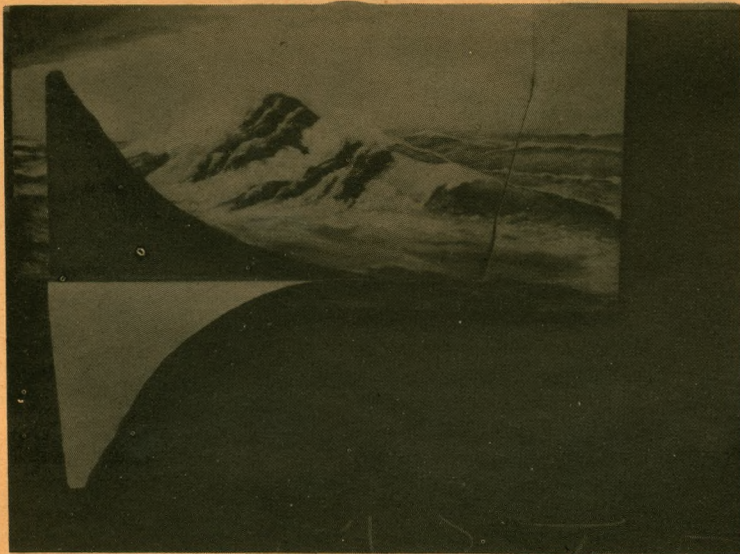
Other thefts include \$99 stolen after Ivy Weekend, the sign taken off the SG office door, and the missing banners of the classes of 1969 and 1971. (Class of '69 banner has been replaced; '71 has yet to be found.)

Proudfoot commented that he is "sorry that this element exists in the student body." The vandals are presumed to be students.

In regard to the destruction of the painting, Proudfoot feels that it is "ignorance to destroy a painting" which is "a person's own creation."

The paintings were among those being collected for a student art show. (Other paintings are safely locked in a closet prior to being shown.) "We're rather hesitant to hold our art show now," says Proudfoot.

At least one other instance of dishonesty committed at SHU is the disappearance of several volumes and magazines taken from boxes in front of the chapel which were to be donated to the local jail.



The vandals left this seascape in its obviously disgraceful condition.

Challenging Experiment

Bell & Howell Innovate

CHICAGO—"The new generation of film audience is demanding a new kind of film." With these words, the Bell & Howell Company, long a pioneer in the motion picture industry, announced its entry into the field of short-film distribution to the college market.

"We are interested," said Bell & Howell president Peter G. Peterson, "in film as expression, not product. These films are called experimental, underground, documentary, art. While all may not be brilliant

or enduring, they are interesting, provocative, challenging."

Bell & Howell has arranged the films into 90-minute programs in what is entitled its Art & Document collection. Program titles include Canadian Underground, Protest & Politics, Historical Underground, International Underground, Animation & Abstraction, The Scene, California Underground and The Teenage Underground.

According to a company

spokesman, programs from the Art & Document collection have been shown at a select number of colleges and universities such as the University of Illinois, University of Hartford, Notre Dame and Colorado College and have been extremely well received by the hundreds of student and faculty viewers. The entire collection of eight programs is now being made available to universities and colleges throughout the country.

Wilson Foundation Changes Function

PRINCETON, N. J. — (I.P.) The Woodrow Wilson Foundation will henceforth operate mainly as an identifying agency to aid students in obtaining graduate fellowships.

The established selection committees of the fifteen regions of the U.S. and Canada will designate 1,000 young men and women best qualified as potential college teachers and in addition will designate another 1,000 winners of Honorable Mention.

By February 15, 1968, the names of these 2,000 will be sent to the deans of all gradu-

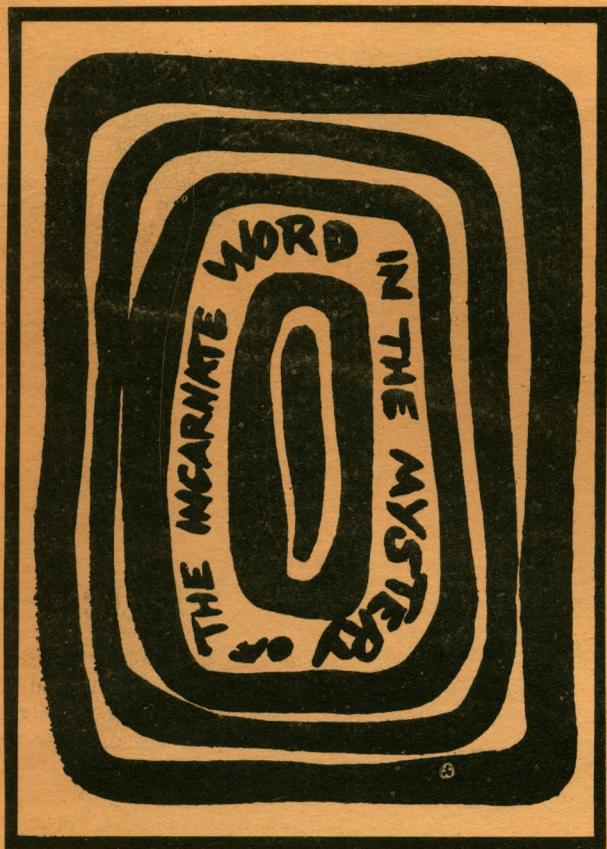
ate schools in the U.S. and Canada. Each graduate school is free to make whatever offers of financial assistance to the student as it sees fit.

The foundation will identify "top-flight college seniors for graduate fellowship awards" just as the National Merit Scholarship Corporation identifies and publicizes promising high school graduates.

Those selected by the regional committees in January will have their applications evaluated at Princeton. The 1,000 who are selected will be known as Woodrow Wilson Designates. Only 150 direct grants will come from the Foundation, 100 from the U.S. and 50 from Canada.

The identification program is an entirely new experiment and no one knows how many of the 1,000 Designates will be granted a fellowship from the numerous graduate schools. However, since formerly none of the Honorable Mentions received anything from the Foundation, there is a possibility that many of them will now receive offers. There may also be a wider spread of graduate schools that will give consideration to Wilson selections. The procedure for seeking a Wilson identification is the same as in past years.

Saccharin Cards Equal Xmas Past



Prof. Creates Own Version

"My primary purpose is to convey the Christian message." I wanted to get away from the mealy-mouthed, highly saccharined, type of Christmas card that is currently available."

Miss Zic was explaining her reason for creating the original hand-printed cards that are now available in the University bookstore. She uses the silk-screening method, i.e. each word or image or different color is photographed separately and super-imposed on each other to obtain the finished product.

The art instructor does all of her work in her home though others assist in the folding and mailing. Miss Zic's hobby is far from localized. Several of the cities where they are presently being sold are Chicago; Indianapolis; Oakland, California; St. Paul, Minn.; and Juliet, Ill.



Reflections Of A Gentle Transfer

By NUANCE WIMPLESTEIN

(NOTE: Nuance is a new student at SHU, having transferred from Podunk U, and he feels that as an outsider (he even eats lunch in his car) he is capable of total objectivity in assessing SHU as a social and educational institution. Therefore, this column will hereafter be devoted to his observations and reflections.)

"Hello," says Nuance, "what is everyone doing in that room?"

"Hey, doncha know, that's the cafe!" says the nice girl in the miniskirt. "Everybody who's anybody goes to the cafe. And then some people go to the lounge."

"Oh," replies Nuance, "what about the faculty, are they anybody or what?"

"Gee no, they're just professors. They have their own lounge — what would they do in here?" answers the sweet young thing as she pulls at her chartreuse stockings.

"Well," conjectured Nuance, "they might talk to the students. You know, offer a few suggestions about life . . . give kids some encouragement."

"What for? What do they know besides whatever subject they teach? Anyway, we've got too much work to do to worry about anything like life," says the mini-girl, while lighting a long, long cigarette and stroking her short, short hair. "I gotta run. I have seven philosophy classes this afternoon."

"Oh really, are you a philosophy major?" queried Nuance.

"Naw, business," yelled the girl as she skipped hurriedly down the hall.

Wanting to be democratic, Nuance set out in search of

the north wing so that he could visit the lounge.

After a long search and many questions Nuance found the stairway to the lounge, but at that triumphant moment the 3:00 bell rang, and Nuance was trampled in the rush. By 3:01 the school was empty, though, so Nuance continued his journey, limping slightly.

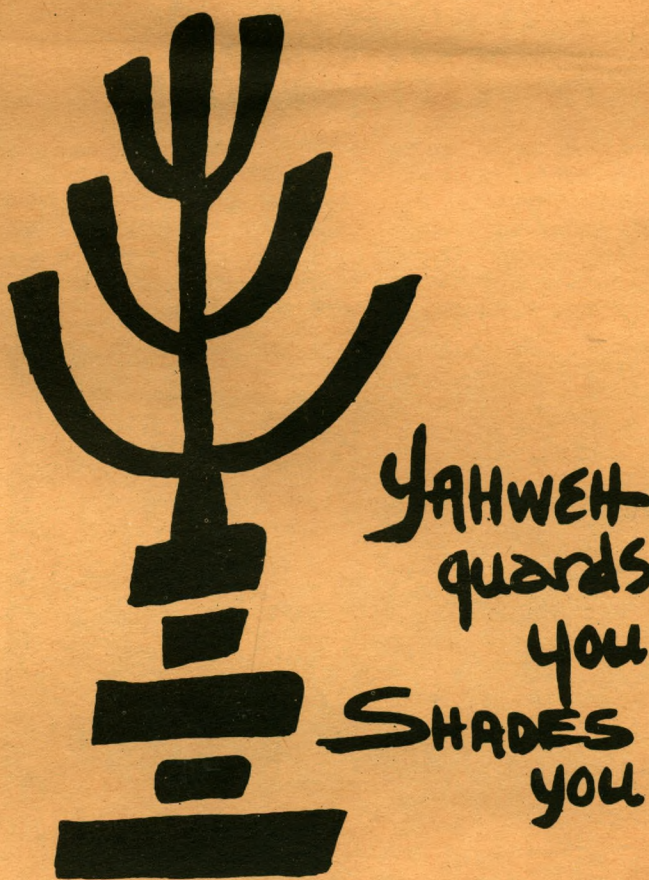
Ping-pong, ping-pong, ping-pong . . . "Hey fellas, what're you doing?" says Nuance to the boys with the necklaces.

"We're beating the Establishment," remarks the boy in the bell-bottomed levis as he lights a short brown cigarette and scratches his long, flowing locks. "We're told that we have to go to classes by those preachers of society (he spits on his paddle), so we don't. We'll show them."

"Oh yeah, well, um, I think I hear someone in the other room . . . bye," stammered Nuance as he sprinted out the door. He poked his head into the other room, and saw only a professor banging his shoe on the table and screaming "Students are doing NOTHING!"

"Reminds me of someone," muttered Nuance as he stumbled up the stairs. "Can't place him though. I wonder what he means by nothing — seems to me we're doing a lot. We merely lack direction and significance. But how do we find it?"

Nuance was last seen wandering through the mud and mire of the sidewalk by the powerful frame of further education. The sun was setting; it was a beautiful evening, and all that could be heard was a muffled sound which sounded much like "How, how, how . . ."



Wayne State Has Right Idea

Detroit, Mich. — (I.P.) — A pioneer effort to provide a "home-office on campus" for commuting students at Wayne State University where they can study, shower and snooze in a home-like atmosphere has been assisted with a \$42,150 grant from the Educational Facilities Laboratories.

The grant will allow the University to begin planning a student commuter center, signaling the start of what could be a unique innovation in U.S. urban college and university history. The center would provide study space, headquarters for informal educational programs, faculty offices, discussion

rooms and special services.

Commenting on the WSU project, Harold B. Gores, president of Educational Facilities Laboratories, said: "The effort to bring some of the peripheral benefits of collegiate life to commuters is an important and interesting concept. 'The student union,' he continued, "has long provided a kind of social center on campus for the residential and non-residential student alike, but the commuter center offering an academic, relaxed working place for students—an-office is an entirely different kind of facility. This effort to build a new type of urban university facility should

be of great interest to urban colleges and universities across the country."

Dr. James P. McCormick, WSU vice president for student affairs, said: "There appears to be three basic needs recognized by the students of Wayne State University. These are the needs recognized by the students for individual identity, creativity in a community setting, and contact with the faculty."

"The realization of the commuter center project will permit them to spend as many hours as possible on campus and to be immersed in a total educational climate."

Swiper's Gain Library's Loss

By MARY LOU SCZECSUL

College students have traditionally won attention via their antics and activities. But here's a new one for the record. Brick robbery.

Recently, an OBELISK reporter, traveling incognito, witnessed a sly maneuver by an unidentified student. The guilty party was seen while walking in the library construction area to casually reach over and swipe a brick. All this in broad daylight!

(Suppose in several months the library fails to open due to lack of that hot piece of concrete.)

Perhaps the culprit will eventually come through. The precious commodity may turn up at the "Lost and Found," wherever that is.

If you haven't lost or found anything lately then you probably haven't noticed that the former "L and F" is now a supply closet on the second floor of the south wing. The department's new headquarters are in the General Office.

So, finders, keepers, losers, weepers, and brick borrowers: Welcome home!

CISL, Con-Con Work Together

"Basically, what we're going to do, is go over the document together, and work toward clearer wording, and therefore better meaning" Con-Con chairman Ken Krenick said of the planned cooperation between C.I.S.L. and the Constitutional Convention on the much-debated constitution.

The summer convention, an autonomous body, submitted the proposed Student Government constitution to the S.G. University Committee in September. Committee members noted discrepancies in the document, and turned it back to Con-Con for re-writing.

SHU's branch of the Connecticut Student Legislature has spent several meetings reviewing Con-Con's work.

During the December recess, the two groups will meet to clarify the suggested constitution.

"It will be basically the same document with the same general goals," Krenick said. "We are just going to clean up the rough parts."

S.G.'s acceptance or rejection may take place in late January or February, "depending on how much we'll work over."

Golden Oldie Stirrs Laughs

"Arsenic and Old Lace" will once again bring laughter to its audience as the 1944 Warner Brothers Production is shown in room S-101 at 7 p.m. tonight. The film, directed by Frank Capra, is being presented as part of a "Film Festival," coordinated by the Academic and Cultural Committee.

According to *Time*, the movie is about two Brooklyn spinsters, played by Josephine Hall and Jean Adair, who make a hobby of dosing old men with arsenic.

The story involves three nephews, two of whom (Peter Lorre and Raymond Massey) are competing to see who will be the first to bag No. 13 and place him with the other twelve bodies buried in their old cells.

Number 13, a mannered and incredulous young man who loves the girl next door, is excellently played by Cary Grant.

Students Rendezvous For Math And Mass.

By KEVIN CRADDOCK

Being a math major meant something other than hard work, as four car loads of students discovered, recently.

Responding to an invitation from the University of Massachusetts, students and faculty members travelled to Amherst, Mass. to attend an afternoon lecture by I. N. Herstein of the University of Chicago.

Prof. Herstein, a prominent math figure in America, discussed "Rings on Involution." He is the author of recently published TOPICS IN ALGEBRA.

The excellent hour and a half lecture ended with a rather pleased audience mumbling inanely over that which they had known little of before. The

Mixes Charm and Culture

Former Italian College President Enhances Math For SHU Students

By ERIC CHRISTENSEN

Dr. Amos Nannini, newcomer to the department of Mathematics here at SHU, has succeeded in bringing together the charm and elegance of European education and culture for math majors at all levels.

Dr. Nannini received his baccalaureate and doctoral degrees at the University of Pisa, famed Italian city of the "Leaning Tower." His entire field of

study, from freshman math as an undergraduate to the end of his graduate career, consisted entirely of mathematics, with the exception of two or three foreign languages.

Commenting on a comparison between the European University and SHU, Dr. Nannini remarked that "there is no credit system or major subject as such in Europe. Our schools are extremely specialized in that we

concentrate on main subjects from the beginning.

"Also, in comparison to a class of some forty students here at Sacred Heart University, the freshman and sophomore classes in Europe usually number three or four hundred students. In such a case, of course, the lecturer is aided by a system of amplifiers and light projectors."

His doctoral dissertation was written on "differential geometry as applied to the mechanics of two dimensional continua." The doctor's favorite fields of interest include differential and projective geometry, together with vector analysis.

Together with a fine education, Dr. Nannini has brought with him a wide range of experience and achievement. He began his teaching career as president of the State Teachers College of Tuscany, Italy.

Next, he was transferred to Milan to again assume the presidency of the State Teachers College of Milan.

These appointments took place immediately after he received his doctorate in 1936. From 1951 to 1958, Dr. Nannini made several trips to the U.S. and Canada, as a result of a Fulbright Scholarship awarded

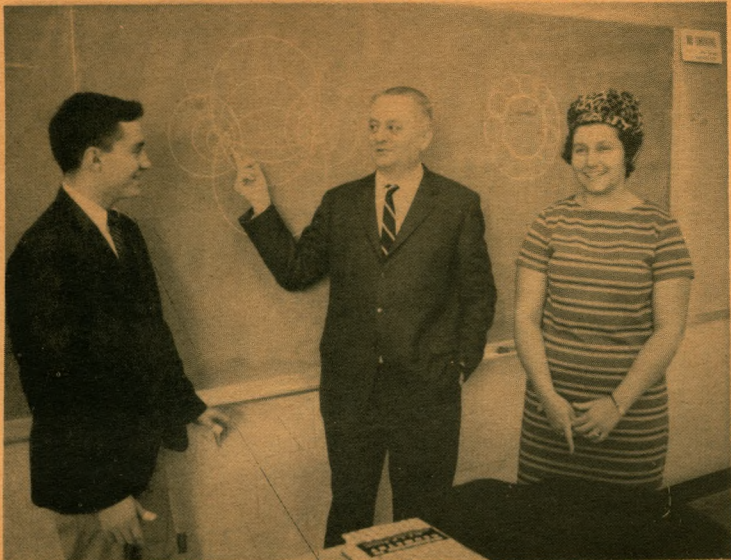
to him by America.

His teaching appointments in the United States began in 1958 at the University of Minnesota. Since then he has taught at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada, at the University of Southern Illinois, and finally at Sacred Heart University.

Dr. Nannini's writings include a two volume text on junior high school mathematics published in Italy, two articles in the *Mathematics Teachers*, an American magazine, together with several specialized periodicals on the educational systems in the United States, Canada, and Italy.

"It is stimulating to watch the growth and process of a very young university and to assist in its endeavors," remarked the doctor. "I have met many fine people, among both students and faculty, and I enjoy discussion with them, particularly on cultural and academic subjects."

"The novelty of my teaching may have caught some of my students by surprise, but all in all my classes prove quite enjoyable. Teaching is quite comforting to me especially in the absence of my wife and children," the doctor concluded.



Dr. Nannini, SHU's European import, attempts to get his point across to Bob Pescatore and Alice Larapoulos concerning a complicated mathematical problem.

Speaker Expounds on Defeat of Douglas

"Their sincerity was apparent but their blindness was inexcusable." Dr. John A. Carpenter at the history convocation December 6th, said of Lincoln and the Republican party, whose failure to inform the nation of impending peril in 1860 showed a lack of political foresight.

The associate professor of history, Fordham university, is a graduate of Harvard and Columbia universities, besides being the author of "The Sword and the Olive Branch."

Dr. Carpenter's theme seemed to be that Douglas has been

done a disservice by the evaluation and judgments rendered him by historians.

In particular, Dr. Carpenter attempted to prove that Douglas was not unprincipled or amoral, but in fact was an idealistic person who, when the chips were down devoted himself unselfishly to his country's service.

The historian stated that Stephen Douglas should have been the candidate of a united

secession therefore, they could not afford to give Douglas the nomination.

Stephen Douglas was one of the first to realize that the Democrats could not win that election. He therefore decided that it would be his task to convince the South that if Lincoln was elected they should not secede. He was one of the few people who had the political foresight and intestinal fortitude to state to both sides the

The other three presidential candidates were apparently not aware of the dangers of which Douglas spoke. Lincoln was in an opposing camp and running on the Republican platform and Breckenridge and Bell had virtually nothing to say.

Therefore, Douglas seemed to have been unselfishly interested in the preservation of the union and the acceptance of the election results whatever they might be, regardless of the cost to himself personally or to his party politically.

Drawing a comparison between the election of 1860 and that of 1968, Carpenter indicates that there is a possibility of four presidential candidates. The Republican could be Richard Nixon. The Administration Democrat will be Lyndon Johnson. The rival Southern Democrat may be George Wallace with Dr. Benjamin Spock as a possible Peace candidate.

If the speaker is correct, "Interesting" will be a mild word.



Three members of the University, Dr. John Mahar, Miss Diane Pacific, and Mr. John Hanrahan at right, discuss Dr. Carpenter's topic after the lecture.

Democratic Party in 1860, but that historians now believe that a deliberate conspiracy thwarted his candidacy. The secessionists, who defeated Douglas, realized that a civil war would be triggered by the election of Lincoln. They also knew that a united Democratic Party sponsoring Douglas as a candidate had a very good chance of winning the election. Wanting

unpleasant truths of what might happen.

"He was the last person to campaign in the South before Lady Bird went in 1964." He did not plead for votes but for the union. When asked if the South should resist Lincoln's election with force he replied. "If the South does secede, it may be suppressed, with justice, with force."

Library Hook - up

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each university to locate books easily. An electronic terminal at SHU would be attached to a computer which could register titles and transmit the information rapidly.

Dr. O'Sullivan also noted that SHU's library construction is on schedule despite the early hold-up due to problems with the foundation. The roof is expected to be in place by the end of this year.

Tri - A - Log

QUESTION: Do you think SHU's social service organizations should be recognized as fraternities and sororities?

STUDENT

Jack Cummons, Panta Delphians, Class of 1969: Yes, since the social service organizations are fulfilling a vital contribution to the social and academic life of the University. I feel if they can gain further recognition from the school administration as fraternities and sororities they would be able to broaden the scope of their activities.

The argument that cliques will come about if fraternities and sororities are allowed on campus is not true since the social service organizations are now closed groups. This argument can easily be refuted by the minimal percentage of persons refused admittance to the organizations presently.

Richard Abbate, '69: I feel that in effect the organizations are fraternities and sororities. If the organization wishes to be called such then they should.

Arlene Licata, '68: Why not?

Kathie Kelley, '68: Yes. They are in practice sororities and fraternities already. So why not recognize them as such?

J. Wzontek, '70: I feel that the social organizations at SHU should either be reorganized or dropped altogether for I feel they do not increase the social aspect of the school or help the community in any way.

Gene Chapman, '68: I feel they should be fraternities or sororities since these organizations highlight college life. Change the name and go national.

Karen Marzullo, '68: I don't think that there is any difference. If you call it a fraternity, it would still be a social service organization because it's written in the constitution. What's in a name?

Josephine Frascatore, '69: Yes, they should be recognized due to the fact that they perform functions that benefit the school, the student body, and other organizations in the school. Also, membership in a nationally recognized fraternity or sorority can prove beneficial in later years, for example, in obtaining a position.

Ronald Scinto, '71: They should, because all colleges have them. I think it's an advancement in the school.

Marian Straubel, '69: Very definitely. They do work for the school and do hold social functions and I think that they should be recognized for the mere fact of what they do. They promote scholarship, friendship among all the students, irrespective of race, color, and creed. Groups of people who can promote such things deserve to be recognized. They should have some voice in S.G., moreover.

FACULTY

John O'Sullivan: My own idea of fraternities and sororities is quite different from what they have here. I don't see why they shouldn't be. It's merely a question of semantics.

Ronald DiLorenzo: It's an academic distinction isn't it? My impression is that a lot of students would like to see it as such.

If it came to a vote, I'd vote against it. Fraternities are a thing of the past; they're dying out. It would create a lopsided image of the past. It's more in the swim. To say fraternity, sounds like it would be more fun. The danger is that the best schools don't take them seriously any more. It's better to discourage the name. Even if social service organization sounds dull, it's better. Douglas Bohn: What's the difference if you call them social service organizations or fraternities. Rather than be purely social, they should provide service. Service should be the main objective, social the second.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. William H. Conley: Five years ago when the Board of Trustees were planning Sacred Heart University, a definite policy was set that there would be no fraternities and sororities. They gave several reasons for their decision: 1. Fraternities are becoming less important in other institutions, 2. one of the purposes of fraternities is to provide housing, however, at SHU, which is a commuter institution, this is not necessary, 3. such organizations are of their very nature undemocratic because of their selective admissions which tend to segregate students on a social as well as racial basis, and 4. we hope to create here a Christian atmosphere in which all students may communicate on an equal basis.

If they (the students) can make a strong enough case, I will be glad to present their position to the Board of Trustees.

However, the present situation is untenable where these organizations are acting de facto as fraternities and sororities.

Dr. Maurice J. O'Sullivan: The de facto existence of the social service organizations as carbon copies of fraternities and sororities, and the apparent compulsion to identify them in the latter categories (including Greek letters) tends to an undesirable intellectual dishonesty. The people involved should subscribe to the principles of a Christian family to which we all belong and eliminate the double-talk where the term "social service organization" applies at public functions, and "fraternity" and "sorority" are used for all other situations.

Off-off Broadway

Folk Rock Play Focuses On Civil Rights Theme

By LISA von YORK

SHU was the scene last Tuesday afternoon of the off-off-Broadway debut of a new play by Louis Barone, a Fairfield University English professor.

"Chiaroscuro," a psychedelic folk-rock play, focuses on the theme of civil rights in a semi-poetic, semi-satirical play-with-

dience that the title of his play is Italian for "light and dark" and hinted that this knowledge might help to divulge the play's meaning.

Mr. Barone's play proves rich in contrasts. Refinement, culture and wealth are set up against poverty and urban blight; his style ranges from

opportunity to give actors far greater freedom. There is room for improvisation (in fact, the script calls for it) and almost the entire guitar accompaniment heard at SHU was improvised, as well as one song and some poetry.

The actors find themselves flourishing in this type of situation and expressed their delight with it.

"Chiaroscuro," written last summer seems to echo the theme — at least in the first act — that the solution to urban problems lies in the synthesis of imagination and practicality. However, far from being a serious, preachy play, "Chiaroscuro" is a morality play in disguise as humor, poetry and music.

The Circle in the Square players who came to Sacred Heart were Richard Johnson, Walter Bordon, Kenneth Wydro and Miss Michael Laughton. Mr. Barone and the players came at the invitation of Robert Flavin of the English department.

Students Give Inside Scoop

Fairfield University has initiated a "College Student Discussion Group" to be made up of representatives from Sacred Heart, Bridgeport, and Fairfield university and Southern Connecticut State College and Housatonic Community College.

The purpose of the discussion group, as coordinated and founded by Gene Bocialelli, of Fairfield, will be "to give area high school students the inside story on what college is all about from people who know it first hand, from people who can be looked upon as peers who know both sides and can help high school students bridge the gap between the two vastly different modes of education.

"In an informal discussion atmosphere they can have any and all questions answered honestly and accurately whether they pertain to specifics about an institution or just general questions concerning college life."

SG will select three members to take part in the discussions.



Playwright, Louis Barone (front) with Richard Johnson.

in-a-play format.

The presentation on the miniscule stage in room 218 was only a teaser, a promise of something fresh and exciting in theater when "Chiaroscuro" opens in March at the Circle in the Square in New York.

Three professional actors from the Circle in the Square Workshop Theater, a guitarist, and Mr. Barone assumed double and triple parts to portray the characters in the first act.

Assorted personage range from the pragmatic idealist, Hackman, a wealthy monopolist, to Jacko, a "hip intellectual" and his wife, Belle.

Early in Act I, Mr. Hackman arises from the audience to interrupt Mr. Knox, the announcer who is dedicating a brand-new civic auditorium and lamenting that the Mayor cannot attend, however, he is recuperating (from what, we are not altogether sure) in Bermuda. We learn from Hackman that the city has built the cultural center to the exclusion of handling other urban (slum) problems.

Hackman, presenting a resonant theme urges, "Do something for the common man, give us a man on the street."

Hackman's insistent voice continues to hammer at the question, "Is the American ideal . . . sordid confinement to a living ghetto death?"

In an introduction to the play, Mr. Barone told his SHU au-

lyrical poetry to direct invective, and the whole is presented with a musical background (provided by guitar at SHU but planned to include a jazz band in the professional production). Barone stated that he would also like to make use of psychedelic lights on the stage.

In a question and answer session following the performance Mr. Barone discussed some of the techniques and ideas he incorporated in his play. He said that the device of having Hackman come up from the audience is to incite greater audience participation. To draw involvement from the audience is one of Barone's prime objectives.

Barone cited his play as an



Circle in the Square Players at SHU.

Pioneers Topple Nyack Giants

SHU Upsets Academy In Close Contest

By GEARY CICCORONE

Bedlam reigned after SHU's upset of the Merchant Marine Academy Tuesday night at King's Point, Long Island, bringing Sacred Heart's present record to two wins and one loss. SHU defeated Windham last week with a score of 84-78. Although having lost the following game to St. Michael's, the team came back in victory, much to the dismay of the 400 cadets present at the game.

SHU received the ball first but failed to score and King's Point worked the ball down court to score the first points of the game. The opposition consistently scored following their first basket, to maintain a substantial lead throughout most of the first half. As half time drew near SHU came alive, closing the gap between the two scores. As the buzzer announcing half time sounded, the scoreboard read 33-33.

During half time the crowd was enthusiastic. The cadets applauded SHU's cheerleaders

as loudly as they did their own team's effort. A small skit was put on by the cadets, imitating the cheerleaders, but the boys lacked face, figure and form to compete gracefully.

The second half began with the ball in SHU's hands. The team took advantage of this and scored; taking the lead for the first time in the game and bringing the score to 35-33. The team kept hitting as it maintained a fluctuating lead of about four points throughout the second half. The final score was 74-72.

The game was one in which fouls came like rain, as one King's Point man fouled out and their team fouled 23 times to SHU's 17.

Coach Don Feeley remarked "Bruce Burnhart played an exceptional game, with Dan Haines and John Stack playing well. Stack was substituted for Jim Collins during part of the first and second halves."

Nyack's height advantage was offset by the Pioneers brilliant maneuvers Wednesday night. Nyack was first to score after

a brief battle for possession of the ball.

SHU maintained a 2 point lead throughout the first half

but this did not evoke too much optimism due to the tremendous height of the opposition.

Early in the second half, SHU added to its lead and at one point was ahead by 16.

SHU kept this lead despite the fact that Nyack began hitting towards the end. The final score of the game was 84 to 70.

The spurt put on in the second half was largely due to the substitution of Tom Robinson and Cliff Bush for 2 of the starters. Both Robinson and Bush played great games under the boards and repeatedly stole the ball from Nyack to bring it down court for insurance points. Jim Collins pressed the 6 foot 9 inch junior from Nyack and played a good game under the opposition's board. Bruce Burnhart, the star of the King's Point game, had an off night playing an offensive position but played a good defensive game.

The night was a double victory for SHU. The freshman team walked away with the game with a score of 99 to 41, making its season record two wins and one loss.



Pioneers' John Stack battles Nyack for ball.

Frosh Toss Cadets For Loss

The King's Point Merchant Marine Academy's Freshman team also suffered defeat at SHU's hands, with a final score of 84-74. This shows promise not only for this season but for the future Varsity team at Sacred Heart. Many of these

freshmen will play varsity ball next year.

Greg Moses, Dave Baye, Vinnie Avenia, Ed Czernota and Tom Gumkowski started in this game. The team is expected to have a good season under the supervision of Coach Milot.

The members of the Fresh-

man team are: Greg Moses, Dave Baye, Vinnie Avenia, Ed Czernota, Tom Gumkowski, Bob Mekinis, John Gulash, Greg O'Connor, Dick Wilson, Bill Greane, Frank Kocel.

The season for the Frosh team will consist of 22 games.



The members of the freshman team are: Frank Kocil, 24; Bob Mikenes, 23; Dave Baye, 35; Bill Greene, 11; Greg Moses, 22; Tom Gumkowski, 25; Rick Wilson, 13; Winnie Avenia, 14; John Kulish, 33; Greg O'Connor, 21; Don Farnam, 32; Coach Milot.

Athletic Club Effects Cooperation

To alleviate communication problems between the Athletic Association and the student body as a whole, former Pres. Herman Rosiers has in-

various campus societies to attend A.A. meetings.

Des Rosiers, who recently resigned from the group, said "They'll know what A.A. is doing in order to communicate it to their groups. Organizations can also bring in new ideas. It

should cut down on complaints."

In addition, the societies will be asked to compete for a school spirit trophy. Organizations will attend games as a group, and act as cheering sections. They will be judged on originality of

cheers, volume, and number of members present.

An A.A. dinner will honor the winning social service organization.

The meetings will take place on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.

Around Campus

By RITA DURSI

Any student interested in forming a ski club at SHU should contact Frank Ruscsek, locker number E-83, North, or George Zentkovich, 290 north.

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Pre-registration for the Spring semester ends December 19, with AA freshman and sophomore registration, which will begin December 13.

Juniors and seniors registered from November 28 to December 4; AB freshmen and sophomores, from December 5 to December 12.

Pre-registration for evening courses began November 28 and will continue until December 15.

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The names of the seniors eligible for graduation in 1968 have been posted in the school. William Dean, administration assistant, announced that any senior whose name did not appear on the lists should fill out a Graduation Data card by December 15, and hand it in to the records room, N-213.

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The Class of 1970 has challenged the classes of 1968, '69, and '71, and the faculty, to a "Book O'Rama Drive."

Students and faculty members are asked to donate one or more books, hardcover, or paperback, and magazines in good condition, to the class's "Put-a-

Library-in-Each-Jail" committee.

Committee members are Cliff Noel, Paulette Busso, Michele Carbone, Terry Martinez, Christine Taylor, Terri Moriarity, Pat Lombard, Donald Wake-

land, and Nancy Melita. Faculty members advising the group are Richard C. DeAngelis, John O'Sullivan and Lawrence Schaefer.

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The Social Action Society at Sacred Heart is asking students to donate articles of warm clothing to the needy of several Bridgeport parishes. They are particularly in need of warm coats, jackets, or sweaters. Clothing may be left in the office adjacent to the Chaplain's office.

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Acceptance of new members to the Kreuzfahrer Society boosts the club's membership to thirty-six. The new brothers are: Jim Hart, Ray Baldelli, Dave Vaillancourt, Gary Lambertson, Gerry Boucher, Tony Izzo, Dennis Izzo, John Wilson, Mike D'Ostilio, Jim Hughes, Bob Edwards, Bob Catterton, and Rit Czel, all juniors and sophomores. Pledging for freshmen will begin early in the second semester.

The Kreuzfahrers are also planning to hold a Christmas party for the children of St. Mary's parish.

The Panta Delphian Society, in the name of Sacred Heart University, donated seven turkeys and six hundred cans of food to needy families of the community.

The Thanksgiving food drive lasted from November 8-22, and the "harvested crops" were distributed under the direction of Father Martin McDermott.



RICH PUCCIARELLO #30



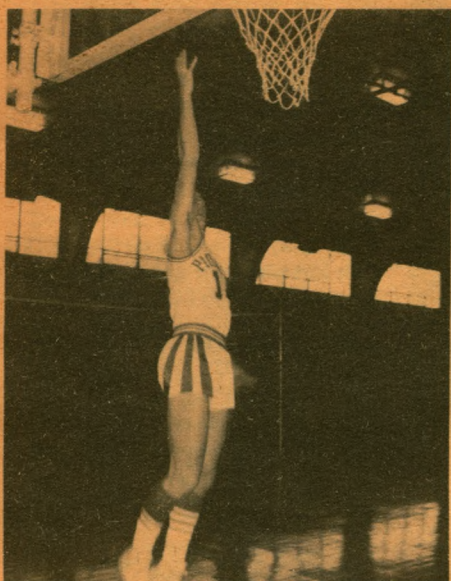
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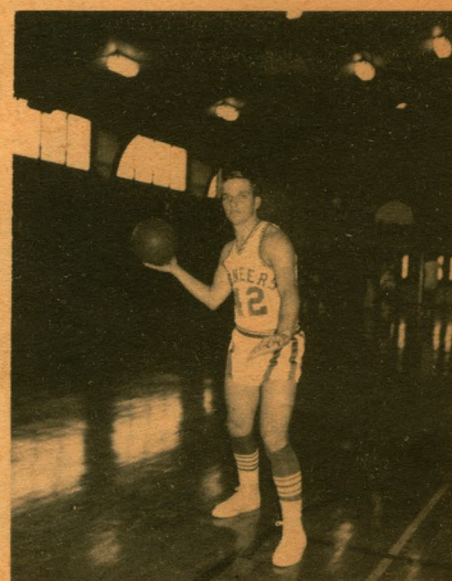
Pioneers Exhibit Teamwork, Spirit

By GEARY CICCARONE

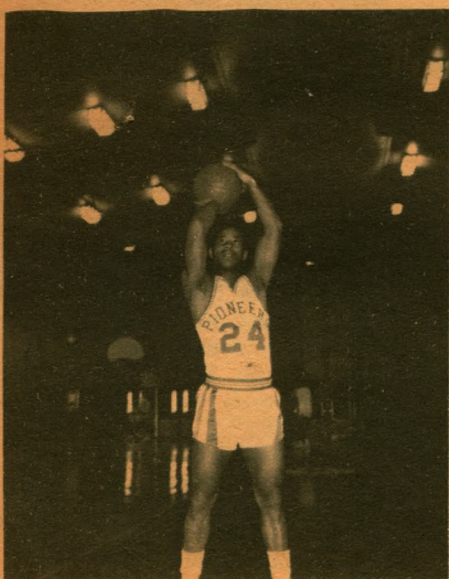
They've got what it takes. The SHU Varsity Basketball team has displayed outstanding qualities so far this year. If the season record is any forecast of the future, SHU's athletic department has reason for much optimism.

The coordination of the men on the team is not only an exhibition of the teamwork among them, but also of the teamwork between the members and coach Feeley.

The team played its first game against Nyack in the SHU gym Wednesday night. Sacred Heart will be playing local teams, UB and Fairfield U., in the near future. Because of the proximity of these schools a good turnout for the games is hoped.



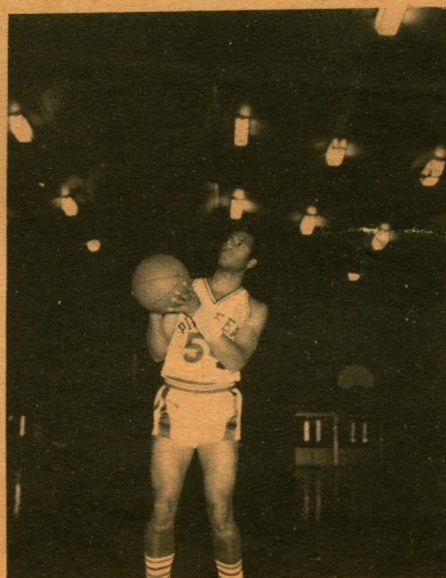
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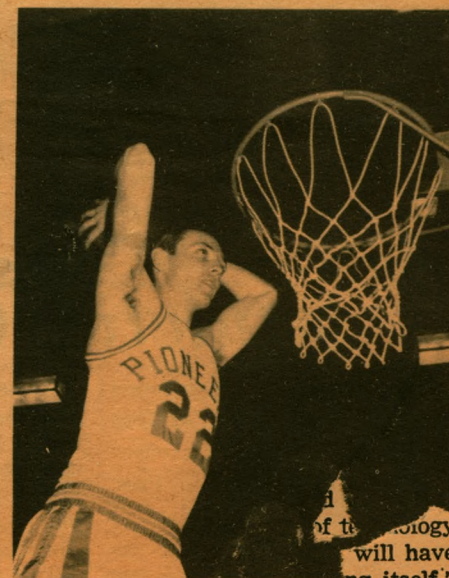
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JACK "Bad News" O'NEILL #55



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